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- Weds: 14<sup>th</sup>. Requiem Mass for the Founder. Sr. Joan left.  
Girls' service 6.30 p.m.
- Thurs: 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Fr. Chundell left after Vpt.  
Com: of the Sr. Elsie Clara + Miss Prior came in the evening.  
Bl. Sacrament. The Confirmation at St. Martin's Church was at  
7.30 p.m. + Daisy was confirmed there as she  
had been in hospital for the Holy + Confirmation.  
Most of the Sr. + all the newly-confirmed girls  
went to the service. Pouring rain all the  
afternoon.
- Fri: 16<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant in retreat.  
Sr. Joyce came to stay. Heavy rain again.
- Sat: 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Lots more rain. Sr. Joyce + Sr.  
St. Anthony. Gladys Austin in retreat. Miss Lung left in the  
morning. Evensong + Devotions 6.30 p.m.
- Sun: 18<sup>th</sup>. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Daisy made her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.  
Epiphany II. Miss Thompson left after Vpt. Fr. Millington came  
in the afternoon to stay for retreat.  
Evensong + sermon 6.15 p.m. Sr. Joyce played.
- Mon: 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. (The Chaplain.) Fr. P. served.  
S. P. Anne, Sr. Elsie Clara + the Assistant went  
to JHB in the morning. In the evening  
Sr. Irene + Sr. K. Elizabeth came over.  
Sr. Maryel + Sr. Angela in retreat. Sr. Joyce left.
- Tues: 20<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Millington.) The Chaplain  
St. Fabian + served. Sr. Angela took the girls to Hospital.  
Sebastian. Miss Jameson left in the afternoon.  
Fancy Dress dance at 6 p.m. Some very good  
dresses + 13 prizes.
- Weds: 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. (The Chaplain.) Fr. Millington served.  
St. Agnes. Fr. Carter came instead of Fr. Evans, but gave  
no address. Bricks + sand arrived for the new  
buildings!
- Thurs: 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Holy Hour 5-6 p.m., so Vespers,  
St. Vincent.

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- Thurs: Cont<sup>d</sup> followed by Vespers of the Dead at 2 p.m.  
Christopher was found dead in his cot at the Nursery just before 4 p.m.  
Sr. Angela & Sr. Gladys Austin took him to Hospital immediately, & his body was left in the Gov<sup>t</sup> mortuary.  
Miss Prior left.
- Fri: 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass 7.15 a.m. C.S.P.V. orbit. Sr. Maryel & Sr. Ida went to town to shop. Sr. Elsie Clara went to the School for the day.
- Sat: 24<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.15 a.m. Fr. Mellington left. The Chaplain Con: of B. Lady. took Sr. Maryel & Diggie to Pretoria to Christopher's funeral. Sr. Charity returned from St. C's.  
In the afternoon Sr. Maryel & Sr. Charity went out to a maternity case. Sr. Joan came in the evening. Evensong & Devotions 6.30 p.m.  
Very heavy rain between 5 & 5.30 p.m.
- Sun: 25<sup>th</sup> Sung Mass 7 a.m. Soaking rain all night.  
Septuagesima. Solemn Evensong & sermon 6.15 p.m. Hugo Lewis was boat-boy.
- Mon: 26<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant was in retreat Con: of St. Paul. until dinner-time & was anointed in the little Chapel at 10 a.m. by Fr. Lewis.  
Miss Randow went away for a fortnight.
- Tues: 27<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. D.S. & Miss Tatham came over St. John Chrysostom. & brought a lot of camp equipment. They left after dinner & took Sr. Elsie Clara back to JHVS with them & also 6 Chapel desks & 12 new kneelers to be used at the consecration of the Bp. of Johannesburg on Feb: 1<sup>st</sup> 1948 in the Church of Christ the King, Sophiatown.
- Weds: 28<sup>th</sup> Mass 7.15 a.m. The members of the Railway Mission turned up for their annual conference - 5 priests, 1 layman & 3 women. S.B. Andan returned.

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Weds: Cont<sup>d</sup>. Also, P. Hester, Nina & Amelia came to stay.

Thurs: 29<sup>th</sup>. Pass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Lancaster.)

St. Francis de Sales. } Arrangements for the Conference the same as in  
} previous years.

Fri: 30<sup>th</sup>. Pass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Charity went to town in the morning to shop.

Sat: 31<sup>st</sup>. Pass 7.15 a.m. Miss Wilson came to dinner.

Railway Mission party at 4 p.m.

Evensong & Devotions 6.30 p.m.

Sun: Feb: 1<sup>st</sup>. Said Pass 6.50 a.m. All the Srs. except the Secangina Assistant, Sr. E. Aidan & Sr. P. Anne left at 8 a.m. & went to Sophiatown to the consecration of the new Bp. of Lebombo. Magnificent service. They arrived back about 2.40 p.m. after having had a picnic lunch en route.

The Bp. of Kimberley & Kuruman came in the evening. Solemn Evensong & sermon 6 p.m.

Mon: Feb: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Much boxing & coxing all day to fit in with 100<sup>th</sup> birthday the Railway Mission retreat!

C. S. P. V. Angeles 6.10 a.m., Prime 6.15, Blessing & distribution of candles, procession & Sung Mass 6.30 a.m.

100 candles in front of O. Lady - lovely blaze!!  
Glorious sunny morning & all went off beautifully.

Retreatants Pass at 8 a.m. (Bp. of Kim. & Kuruman)

At 10.30 a.m. the Srs. had a C. S. P. V. tea-party on St. Matthew's steps, in order to be away from the retreat folk.

Much activity in the D. Hall repairs - plaster being knocked off outside walls & ceiling being taken out. 2 noisy lorries brought building material - one arrived at 1 p.m. & the other at 4, just as the retreatants had gone in to dinner & tea. Lorry drew up right across the Rec. Room door! - alas for peace & quiet.

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News received in the afternoon that Mother T. had a passage on the Athlone Castle on Feb: 19<sup>th</sup> Great rejoicing.

Tues: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Octave. Mass 7.15 a.m. In the afternoon Sr. Angela, Sr. Charity & the Assistant went to JHSburg. They took a girl to St. Joseph's Training Home on the way & then Sr. Angela went shopping & the Assistant went to the doctor. There was a Waverley meeting at 4.30 p.m. & it was not over till 6.10 p.m. so that the Srs. did not get back till 7.15 p.m. Great mess outside the D. Hall & Rec. Room, & more lories chugging along at meal times.

Weds: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Octave. Mass 7.15 a.m. Miss Trinder-Smith (Grahams-town student) came to stay. M. Hester & family left in the morning.

Thurs: 5<sup>th</sup>  
Octave. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Bp. & all the Railway Missioners left just after 9 a.m. Miss Randow returned.

Fri: 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Joyce came for retreat.

Sat: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Octave. C.B.S. Quiet Day. Mass 8 a.m. Terrible rain practically all day, & everyone paddling round in thick mud! Sr. Joyce in retreat.

Tea after Vt, Sext & None 12, Srs' Vespers after dinner, C.B.S. Vespers & Devotions 4.30, after which retreatants departed. "She" Evensong 6.45 p.m. Sr. Joan came.

Sun: 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sung Mass 7 a.m. Sr. Joyce & Sr. Joan left.

Quinquagesima Evensong & sermon 6.15 p.m.

Mon: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Octave Day. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant & Sr. Charity in retreat. Miss Clisby & Miss Jones came for the day.

Tues: 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mass 7.15 a.m. C.S.M.V. sht. Fr. Jordall came at 4 p.m. & gave the Srs. an address & heard confessions. Sr. J. Austin took the girls to Hospital.

Sr. Mary, Sr. Ida & Sr. E. Aidan in retreat.

Weds: 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ash Wednesday. Imposition of Ashes 7 a.m., followed by Mass with

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hymns at 7.15 a.m. Special Lent service 6.30 p.m.

Thurs: 12<sup>a</sup>. No Mass. Very heavy storm in the afternoon.  
Hall colour-washed.

Fri: 13<sup>a</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant + Sr. Charity went to JHBurg in the morning. They had dinner at 8k:, after which the Assistant went to an 8k: meeting + Sr. C. went shopping. Terific storm about 5.40 p.m.

Sat: 14<sup>a</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Evensong + Devotions 6.30 p.m.

Sun: 15<sup>a</sup>. Sung Mass 7 a.m.

Lent I<sup>st</sup>. Evensong + sermon 6.15 p.m.

Mon: 16<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. E. Ardau, Sr. Maryel + the Ass<sup>ts</sup> went to JHB in the morning by car. Sr. E. Ardau returned by train, + Sr. M. + the Ass<sup>ts</sup> went to Waverley for dinner + returned home at 3.20 p.m.

Tues: 17<sup>a</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. After M<sup>ss</sup> the chapel was cleaned as far as possible + Horn + 4 boys proceeded to colour-wash + paint it. They had finished by 4.30 p.m.! The little chapel was not touched, however, so that the Srs. were able to have Office + prayer-time there. In the morning Sr. Charity took the car to be oiled + greased + did some shopping + in the afternoon Sr. Angela took the girls to Hospital.

Wed: 18<sup>a</sup>. No Mass. Chapel was cleaned + polished + the  
Ember Day. furniture put back, + the Lent Service was as usual in Chapel at 6.30 p.m. In the afternoon Agatha Carew-Hunt brought Miss Crable over to stay. A new girl came + various people during the day. Sr. E. Ardau went to JHB to see about a washing-machine for the Nursery.

Thurs: 19<sup>a</sup>. Mass 7 a.m., as the Chaplain was going out in the morning. Miss Trinder-Smith left.

Mother + Sr. Olive Frances left for S. Africa!  
Hurrah!!

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- Fri: 20<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. S. & Aidan to town by van.  
Saturday. The Assistant went in later by car to do many & various chores. Miss Jones came to stay. Stations of the Cross in Chapel (for girls only) as the tables were all round the cloister.
- Sat: 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m.
- Sunday. Evensong & Devotions 6.30 p.m.
- Sun: 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Mrs. Macaulay came to stay in the afternoon. Evensong & sermon 6.15 p.m.
- Mon: 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. New bricks were put in the little Chapel in place of the 3 bad ones. Miss Cleby came to stay. A Miss Alexander & 2 friends came to see the Homes in the afternoon. Also, a regiment of men, European & African, arrived & began to do the re-inforced concrete over the D. Hall. A new girl came. The District Surgeon came in the afternoon & saw various children who weren't very well. A regular day! Very cold early in the morning, but hot later on.
- Tue: 24<sup>th</sup>. No Mass. The little Chapel was colour-washed. Sr. Maryel took the girls to Hospital.
- Wed: 25<sup>th</sup>. Sung Mass 7 a.m. Miss Crable left in the morning & Mrs. Macaulay in the afternoon. S. J. Austin in retreat.
- Thurs: 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7 a.m. S. N. Anne in retreat. Terific din all day as the re-inforced concrete ceiling was being put on the D. Hall, & the roof on the 2 new rooms at the Cottage. Miss Jones & Miss Cleby left in the morning.
- Fri: 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Miss Randow & Miss Tarry went away for the week-end & Miss Maeder started her holiday. Sis' Lent retreat began at 5.30 p.m.
- Sat: 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. (Fr. Evans.) Sis' retreat. Evensong & devotions 6.30 p.m. (The Chaplain.)

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- Sun: 29<sup>th</sup>. Sung Mass 7 a.m. The Pretoria Sis. left after morning  
Sent III. tea + the Waverley Sis. after afternoon tea.  
Evening + sermon 6.15 p.m.
- Monday.  
St. David's  
March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. The Assistant went to JHBurg in the  
morning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. St. Chad. Mass 7.15 a.m. Sr. Maryel took the girls to Hospital  
+ Sr. Ida + Sr. E. Ardau went in to shop.
- Wed: 3<sup>rd</sup>. No Mass. Sent service 6.30 p.m. Very heavy rain  
in the afternoon + evening.
- Thurs: 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7 a.m. Requiem. C.S.P.V. bit. Soaking rain  
all day. Telegram from Mother to say she was  
in C.T.
- Fri: 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Great preparations for Mother's return.  
Sr. Angela went to town on the van.
- Sat: 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7.15 a.m. Mother returned from England at  
Fg 55 Felicitas 9 a.m. The Assistant, Sister Irene, + Sister Maryel  
+ Perpetua were at the station with the car, also David with  
the Van + the Chaplain + Mr. Lewin. All St. Margaret's  
staff were on their lawns with the toddlers  
waving as the car passed. The girls + Natsoms were  
at the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate cheering + the rest of the  
Sisters on the front door steps! A lovely welcome  
back. The rest of the day was taken up seeing  
things + people!.. Evening + Perpetua. 6.30 p.m.
- Sunday.  
Sent IV.  
(Mothering Sunday) Sung Mass 7 a.m. All the Sisters from Hillcrest  
came over for Morning Tea. Two Waverley  
Sisters came for dinner + brought 5<sup>th</sup> Eemie  
who stayed for Retreat. 5<sup>th</sup> Isabel + 5<sup>th</sup> Christina  
were unable to come owing to a case of  
infantile paralysis breaking out in the school.  
Lush roses + carnations from all the various  
gardens were in Chapel + Mother's Room.  
Evening + Sermon 6.15 p.m.

- Monday. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. Sister Emma in Retreat. Sister Joyce came in the afternoon for one night to see Mother. At 6-15 some of the girls gave some country dancing for Mother to see. In the morning Mother went to see the Nursery with S<sup>r</sup>. Aidan. The Assistant & Sister Charity went into Pretoria in the morning for shopping.
- Tuesday. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. After Mass Mother drove into the School Hillcrest to spend the day taking Sister Joyce back with her. All the "Eh" Sisters in Retreat. A lovely sunny day & hot. Mother got back from the school at 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. All the "Eh" Sisters left at 9 a.m. Fr. Evans came. Mother went to Worcester for the day at 11-15. Lent Service at 6-30 p.m.
- Thursday. 11<sup>th</sup>. No Mass. Everything as usual. Vespers & Compline together was started at 5 p.m. & Matins & Lauds at 8-30 p.m. In the morning Mother went to see St. Margaret's.
- Friday. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. S<sup>r</sup>. Charity & S<sup>r</sup>. Aidan went to Pretoria in the car at 10-15 a.m. for the dentist & taking girls in to the Workers' land for clinic. Everyone started on the making of palm crosses. Singing practice 6-30 p.m. Miss Haque went to Johannesburg for two nights.
- Saturday. 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. Sister Edith Aidan went to Pretoria on the Van. Sister Joan came. Evening & Devotions 6-30 p.m. A dull day, & it tried to rain several times.
- Passion Sunday. 14<sup>th</sup>. Spring Mass 7 a.m. 11<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Nixon came in the morning to see Mother & had Morning Tea. Palm Cross making most of the day. After afternoon tea Mother saw Miss Randor. Evening & Jeremia 6-15 p.m.
- Monday in Passion week. 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass 7-15. At 9-15 a.m. Mother & the Assistant went into Johannesburg; Mother called at Worcester on



The way home. S<sup>r</sup>. E. Isabel came in the afternoon for Retreat.

Tuesday in  
Passion-week  
16<sup>th</sup>  
Mass 7-15. After Vene Mother went to the School in Pretoria for a Gov. Body Meeting. S<sup>r</sup>. E. Isabel left after afternoon tea. Miss Parry went to Pretoria for 1. Night.

Wednesday in  
Passion-week  
17<sup>th</sup>  
Mass 7-15. The Lent Service at 6-30 p.m.

Thursday in  
Passion-week  
18<sup>th</sup>  
No Mass. After Vene Mother went to Pretoria for shopping. Sister Olive Irene came for dinner bringing over camp equipment for Easter week. Sister K. Elizabeth came in the evening for Retreat.

Friday in  
Passion-week  
F. of St Joseph.  
19<sup>th</sup>  
Song Mass. 7 a.m. S<sup>r</sup> K. Elizabeth in Retreat. Rehearsal for the Palm Sunday procession at 5-45 p.m. instead of on Saturday.

Saturday in  
Passion-week  
20<sup>th</sup>  
Mass 7-15. The Assistant in Retreat. Just after 4 p.m. M<sup>rs</sup> Soames came to see Mother, she was driven over by young M<sup>rs</sup> Sturrock. Heavy rain & thunder came on at 4-30 p.m. Evening & Devotions 6-30 p.m.

Palm  
Sunday.  
21<sup>st</sup>  
Song Mass, Distribution of Palms, & Procession 6-30 a.m. Quite fine, and a beautiful procession & service. Mother and Sister Ida in Retreat. Evening & Sermon 6-15 p.m.

Monday in  
Holy Week.  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mass 7 a.m. Mother, Sister Maryel, and Sister Margina Anne in Retreat. Sister Ida went into Pretoria to take the Quiet Afternoon for the coloured women at the Good Shepherd Mission. Sister Charity went to the Moederbond at 8 p.m. with a baby who was ill from the Nursery. Special Service 6-15 p.m.

Tuesday in  
Holy Week.  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mass 7 a.m. At 1-30 p.m. a practice was held in Chapel for Maundy Thursday and

The Mass of the Pre-Sanctified. M<sup>rs</sup> du Pres + M<sup>rs</sup> Johnson called to see Mother about the latter taking over the Chaplain's lodge. Special Service 6-15 p.m.

Wednesday in  
Holy Week.  
24<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7 a.m. Party getting ready for Maundy Thursday flowers etc. A very oppressive hot day; some rain + thunder in the evening. Elizabeth English came to stay. M<sup>rs</sup> Van der Byl called in the morning about the names of voters. Special Service 6-15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday.  
25<sup>th</sup>

Sung Mass, with procession to the Altar of Repose + the stripping 6-45 a.m. A beautiful service + the Sisters did their parts so well. Tenebrae was said for the first time with the 14 Candles. Fr. Evans came at 9-30 a.m. for Confessions. Charlotte Plimstone came. The Special service followed the prayer for the beginning of the Watch at 6 p.m. The morning was wet but it cleared up during the day.

Good Friday.  
26<sup>th</sup>

A fine day + quite hot all day + also for the Watch. The Altar of Repose looked very lovely with the beautiful white corms which was especially good owing to Easter being early. Father Comber from St. Mary's Tappan took the Three Hours Devotion. Quite nice address. The house kept the Silence well + there were no visitors!

Holy Saturday.  
Easter Eve.  
27<sup>th</sup>

Alta Service 5-30 a.m. A soaking wet morning with very heavy rain + thunder + lightning. Mother, with David driving + Elizabeth English went into Poctima the moment after Terce + Sext which was after breakfast to fetch the flowers + graveels from Doerstrinas. The rest of the day taken up preparing for the Festival. The Blessing of the Easter Fire was at 5-30 p.m. a lovely Service. Sister Maryel was not well + had to

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